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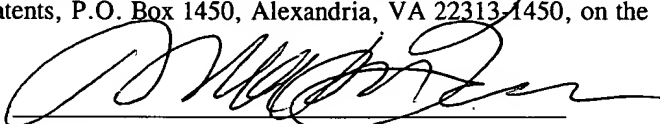
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Response to Restriction Requirement

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 7) mailed on February 26, 2003, Applicants herewith elect Group II (claims 12-19 and 36, drawn to a method for treating or preventing asthma or allergy in a hypo-responsive subject or a subject at risk of developing asthma or allergy comprising administering to the subject an immunostimulatory nucleic acid in an effective amount for treating or preventing asthma or allergy).

* Claims 1-11 are cancelled herewith as drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 12-19 and 36 are now pending. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims in continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,
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